

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:45am
Morning Assembly 10:35am
Evening Assembly 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

RADIO PROGRAM

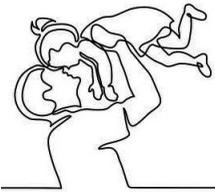
The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
KURM 790AM

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One of the greatest
challenges of this
generation is to
raise the next.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
Ac 8-9

Next Sunday
All Classes
Ac 10-11

This info is provided
to help everyone stay
in synch during our
three-year study thru
the Bible (Sunday AM).

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

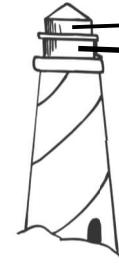
Sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Nellie Shell, June Self,

Diane Willis, Shirley Cole, Etta Frazelle, & Rai Starr *Military:* Logan Dickey

Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey, & Billie Pennington

MARRIAGE CLASS – Continues this Monday at 7pm at the King's (session 5 of 6). Singles, couples, and prospective couples of all ages are invited.

SINGING & ELDERS' REPORT – Tonight is our monthly singing and elders' report. Plan to come and be edified!



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Swine and Idiots

One homespun philosopher suggests, *'Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level, and beat you with experience'* (author unknown, but it sounds like homespun philosophy).

Biblical precedent is available for such advice. *'Do not cast your pearls before swine'* certainly points in the same direction (Mt 7:6). Even the underlying **reason** for the advice is similar. *'He will beat you with experience'* sounds a lot like *'lest they turn and rend you'*. I'm thinking our philosopher is familiar with the inspired wisdom of Jesus.

All of which says that sound wisdom comes from a sound source.

Human 'philosophers' (including parents, preachers, and Bible class teachers) may change the wording to fit the audience or the occasion, and that's okay. But if what they teach is **truth**, it will have its ultimate source in the Word of God, not in emotions, opinions, or popular psychology.

Of course, my Texas friends would make a point about swine and idiots, but not me. No sir.

- **WKing**

Another Perspective

The Joys of Worship

David wrote, *"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy. At Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore."* (Ps 16:11).

Somewhere some of us have gotten the idea that worship is not a thing to be enjoyed, but an act to be performed solely through a sense of duty and fear of judgment; hence, a grievous burden. Some feel that if they worship Sunday morning, they have done all that the Lord expects of them and they can get to heaven on it. But others are searching for a deeper spiritual life, a greater love for God, and they enjoy worshipping Him at every opportunity. What a joy it is for them to sing the hymns of Zion, to bow in humble prayer to God, and to feast upon the bread of life every time Christians assemble together.

If one does not develop the proper attitude toward spiritual and heavenly things while living in the church here and now, he will be unfit for those things in eternity. Yes, in the presence of God there is joy! Worship is drawing near to God; hence it is a joyful thing. At His right hand there are pleasures; and, the Lord has promised to be with us when we are gathered together in His name. This is not to say that worship is amusing or entertaining, but there is joy in it for him who has set his love on heavenly things — things in which he finds pleasure.

*-- from the Gospel Light
author unknown (edited)*

Faith in Context

Read Galatians 3.23-27, with a special emphasis on verse 27 (where we read the clothing of ourselves with Christ). This is a favorite passage to use when chatting with a religious person lost in the world of Christian pluralism [multiple paths to God – *wk*].

Calvinists speak of this passage as if the clothing of Christ ‘covers’ one’s sins as if God doesn’t quite ‘see’ the sin of that person. This understanding then brings out the lawless teaching that a person can actively and decidedly sin, yet still be saved. However, that isn’t the point of this passage at all. Rather, it identifies maturity, or what choice the mature man would make.

Earlier, Paul illustrated how the “schoolmaster” cares for the im-

mature — the one who needs basic moral direction. This guidance then leads one to make the mature decision to follow Christ.

Paul accomplished this by his use of the clothing imagery (borrowed from Roman culture). He illustrated the movement of the toga praetexta (that which is worn by the immature child; one who needs a schoolmaster) to the toga virilis (think of virile, manhood, maturity), which only a man could wear. A man who is mature is a man who makes the decision to follow the gospel of Christ, and all that it entails.

So, in Galatians 3.27 it is the mature person who moves onward into the full gospel of Christ, and no other gospel (Gal 1.6-7). In spite of pluralism, how you follow the commands of Christ matters. Following Jesus is the sign of your mature faith in Him.

- WHSmith